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RESOURCES (MER)

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL A, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
BEING PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND FOR SUBJECT VISIT.

2. NEWLY FORMED MINISTRY'S GOALS ARE: (A) TO DEVELOP
AN INTEGRATED NEAR TERM, MIDTERM, AND LONG TERM ENERGY
POLICY, (B) TO DEVELOP A DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RESOURCE
EXPLOITATION POLICY FOR DISCOVERY AND ACQUISITION OF FUELS
AND OTHER COMMERCIALY IMPORTANT MINERALS, REFTEL B,
(C) TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR REALIZATION OF
FOREGOING, AND (D) TO INSURE CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENT
USE OF FUEL AND OTHER MINERALS. PLANS FOR ACCOMPLISHING
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ABOVE ARE IN FORMATIVE STAGES. MER STAFF MEMBERS WITH
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE ARE WELL
ACQUAINTED WITH MEASURES (PRICE REGULATION, SUBSIDIES
TO SPONSOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN UNDERTAKINGS, ADMINIS-
TRATIVE REGULATIONS) WITHIN MER'S AUTHORITY FOR IMPE-
MENTATION OF PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, PETROLEUM, COAL AND

MINERAL RESOURCES INCLUDING URANIUM. MER IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE HEAT MANAGEMENT LAW. HIGHEST PRIORITY ACTIVITIES ARE MINE SAFETY AND OFF-SHORE OIL PROSPECTING. BECAUSE A RECENT ACCIDENT IN THE HIGHEST PRODUCTION COAL MINE HAS REDUCED COAL PRODUCTION, KOREA IS PURCHASING 400,000 TONS OF ANTHRACITE COAL (200,000 TONS WORTH ABOUT \$10 MILLION FROM WOODWARD-DICKERSON OF PENNSYLVANIA) ON THE FOREIGN MARKET THIS YEAR.

3. MER IS INTERESTED IN USG POLICIES RELATED TO ACQUISITION OF LONG TERM SUPPLY CONTRACTS. COMMODITIES OF SPECIFIC INTEREST ARE LISTED IN FY79 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM, REFTEL C.

4. CHANG'S COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS WOULD BE TO RENEW A VALUED ACQUAINTANSHIP AND WOULD NOT INVOLVE DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL MATTERS AT ISSUE BETWEEN USG AND ROKG. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL FOR GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY COOPERATION INVOLVING FUELS AND COMMERCIAL MINERALS.

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